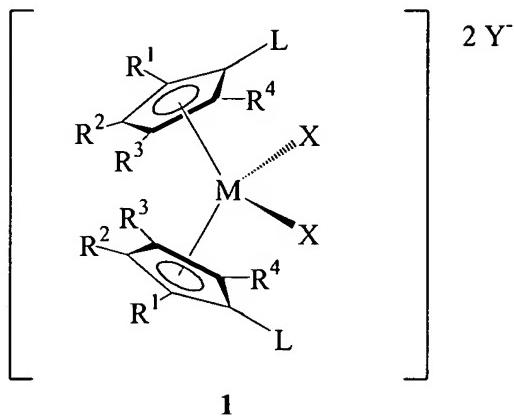


ABSTRACT

The invention provides metallocene compounds of formula 1 for use as medicaments in the treatment of cancer.



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wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 represent a combination of H, alkyl, aryl or trimethylsilyl;

L represents side chain substituents, at least one of which contains a group which

enables the compound to become water-solubilised; X is halo, alkoxy, acetate or

H_2O ; Y is a counter-ion; M is a metal; and n = 1 or 2. The invention also provides

- 10 novel compounds of the formula 1 wherein at least one of the groups L comprises a quaternary tetraalkylammonium group. The compounds have been shown to have significantly greater activity in the treatment of cancer than the compounds known from the prior art.

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